

1. A method, comprising the steps of:
providing a set of predetermined function definitions
which are different;

executing said project definition, including the step of transmitting a communication through a communications link.

2. A method according to Claim 1, including the step of carrying out said transmitting step as said executing step is completing.

3. A method according to Claim 1, including the step of formatting said ✓ communication as an electronic mail message.

4. A method according to Claim 1, including the step of configuring said communications link to include a network.

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5. A method according to Claim 4, including the step of configuring said network to include a portion of the Internet.

5 6. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said transmitting step includes the step of causing one of said function portions to send the communication.

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7. A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program which recognizes a set of predetermined function definitions that are different, said program being operable when executed to facilitate:

5 storing of a project definition which includes: a plurality of function portions which each correspond to one of said function definitions in said set, and which each define at least one input port and at least one output port that are functionally related according to the
10 corresponding function definition; a further portion which includes a source portion identifying a data source and defining an output port through which data from the data source can be produced, and which includes a destination
15 portion identifying a data destination and defining an input port through which data can be supplied to the data destination; and binding information which includes binding portions that each associate a respective said input port with one of said output ports; and

20 execution of said project definition, including transmission of a communication through a communications link.

8. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 7, wherein said program is operable when executed to effect
25 said transmission of said communication as the execution of said project definition is completing.

9. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 7, wherein said program is operable when executed to format
30 said communication as an electronic mail message.

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10. A computer-readable medium according to Claim 7, wherein said program is operable when executed to cause one of said function portions to effect said transmission of said communication.

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